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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN ARIZONA

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FARM LABOR

1950-1964

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN ARIZONA
BY TYPE OF FARM WORKER
1950 - 1962

YEAR AND MONTH	TOTAL ALL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS	SELF EMPLOYED AND UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS	REGULAR HIRED FARM WORKERS	SEASONAL WORKERS						
				TOTAL	DOMESTIC WORKERS				MEXICAN NATIONALS	
					TOTAL	LOCAL	MIGRATORY TOTAL	INTERSTATE		INTRASTATE
1962 JANUARY	38,600	8,100	11,900	18,600	12,700	9,900	2,800	2,200	640	5,900
FEBRUARY	35,800	8,100	11,900	15,800	11,200	9,100	2,100	1,500	580	4,600
MARCH	34,800	8,100	11,900	14,800	10,000	8,000	2,000	1,400	640	4,800
APRIL	38,400	8,100	11,900	18,400	11,300	9,200	2,100	1,350	730	7,100
MAY	39,000	8,100	11,900	19,000	12,200	10,900	1,300	800	470	6,800
JUNE	40,000	8,100	11,900	20,000	13,200	11,800	1,400	820	600	6,800
JULY	33,200	8,100	11,900	13,200	11,100	10,200	900	520	400	2,100
AUGUST	32,400	8,100	11,900	12,400	11,000	9,700	1,300	640	660	1,350
SEPTEMBER	35,600	8,100	11,900	15,600	12,200	10,700	1,500	900	600	3,400
OCTOBER	39,000	8,100	11,900	19,000	13,900	11,900	2,000	1,100	900	5,100
NOVEMBER	42,700	8,100	11,900	22,700	14,700	12,600	2,100	1,250	840	8,000
DECEMBER	42,800	8,100	11,900	22,800	16,600	13,700	2,900	1,550	1,350	6,200

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN SIX
MINOR AGRICULTURAL COUNTIES*

1950	3,100	2,500	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1951	3,200	2,500	700	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1952	3,200	2,500	700	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1953	3,200	2,500	700	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1954	3,300	2,500	800	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1955	3,000	2,300	700	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1956	2,800	2,200	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1957	2,600	2,000	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1958	2,400	1,800	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1959	2,100	1,600	500	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1960	1,800	1,400	400	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1961	1,600	1,200	400	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1962	1,400	1,000	400	*NA	*NA	*NA	*NA	*NA	*NA	*NA

*MOHAVE, COCONINO, NAVAJO, APACHE, YAVAPAI, AND GILA COUNTIES.

INTRASTATE MIGRATORY DOMESTIC WORKERS: Domestic farm workers whose normal living quarters are elsewhere in the State but who reside temporarily within the locality of employment for purposes of engaging in seasonal farm work.

MEXICAN NATIONALS: Workers who have legally entered the continental United States but who normally reside in Mexico. (For the purpose of this report, Mexican Nationals are always considered as seasonal hired workers even if they are hired for more than 150 days.)

FARM EMPLOYING UNIT: Farming operation under a single management which performs all of the following functions: hires the workers, establishes the wage levels, and pays the wages.

II. EXPLANATIONS

REGULAR HIRED FARM WORKERS: All local office managers were consulted and were requested to prepare their estimates using all available information from their local office area. They were instructed to evaluate their estimates in relation to the U. S. Census of Agriculture 1959 data below:

Cochise	300	Yuma	2,600
Maricopa	4,500	Graham-Greenlee	400
Pinal	1,500	Pima-Santa Cruz	1,000

All agricultural reporting areas except Maricopa County were substantially in agreement with the U. S. Census of Agriculture 1959 report.

Maricopa County local offices indicated that the 1959 U. S. Census of Agriculture report data was approximately 30% lower than their estimates of regular hired farm workers for 1962. The Maricopa agricultural reporting area is the

Seasonal employment, if not broken into component parts, does not, by itself, give a complete picture of the type of seasonal worker employed primarily in pre-harvest and harvest activities in the major agricultural reporting areas of the State. Seasonal workers were subdivided into two groups, domestic workers and Mexican National workers. The domestic worker group was further subdivided into local and migratory workers. The migratory worker group was also subdivided into interstate and intrastate migratory workers. By analyzing each category individually, trends develop in each individual category which may or may not follow the trend of the section as a whole. For example: the seasonal work force is decreasing; however, migratory workers are decreasing at a greater rate than the total, and local workers indicate an increase (see chart #2).

All seasonal data was obtained from ES-223 In-Season Farm Labor Reports using mid-month data (15th of each month) to maintain a continuity of reporting throughout the study.

Seasonal data obtained before January of 1954 was obtained from Annual Farm Labor Reports and ES-225 Annual Agricultural and Food Processing Reports.

The Estimates of Agricultural Employment in Arizona, published in this report supersede all figures previously issued by the Arizona State Employment Service, a division of the Employment Security Commission of Arizona.